Grand Mufti's statement condemning the London bombings

Shaikh Abdulaziz Bin Abdullah Al-Ashaikh, the Grand Mufti of Saudi Arabia, Chairman of the Committee of Senior Ulema [religious scholars] and Chairman of the Department of Scientific Research and Ifta [guidance], today condemned the terrorist bombings in London and issued the following statement:

"Killing and terrorizing innocent people and the destruction of property are not condoned by Islam. Attributing all these horrific incidents to Islam is unjust. Muslims should tell the truth and unveil falseness, and inform all people that Islam is a religion of righteousness, betterment and progress. Islam is the final revelation that Allah chose for humankind to guide it from darkness to light. Allah said: “This day, I have perfected your religion for you, completed My favor upon you, and have chosen for you Islam as your religion.”

Our religion urges us to fulfill our obligations and prohibits us from abandoning such obligations. Allah said: “O you who believe! Fulfill your obligations.” The unjust killing of a human being in Islam is forbidden. Allah said: “And kill not anyone whom Allah has forbidden except for a just cause.”

Corruption on earth is considered a major sin in Islam. Allah said: “And of mankind there is he whose speech may please you in this worldly life, and he calls Allah to witness as to that which is in his heart, yet he is the most quarrelsome of the opponents. And when he turns away from you, his effort in the land is to make mischief therein and to destroy the crops and the cattle, and Allah likes not mischief. And when it is said to him ‘Fear Allah,’ he is led by arrogance to more crime. So enough for him is Hell, and worst indeed is that place to rest.”

Statement concerning the terrorist attacks in London this morning
07/07/2005 :

"On behalf of the Government of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, I wish to assure the people of the UK that our thoughts are with the victims of the terrible crimes that took place in London this morning.

In Saudi Arabia we have suffered at the hands of terrorists and we stand by the UK in every effort to bring the perpetrators of terrorism to justice. Saudi Arabia has always and continues to condemn all terrorism wherever it may be and whatever its cause."

HRH Prince Turki Al-Faisal
Ambassador

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